

Legends Day Analysis By Derick Giwner

Sunday, June 23 at Clinton Raceway

The annual tradition of Legends Day continues at Clinton Raceway on Sunday with a solid field of seven trotters teamed up with an equal number of legendary drivers. In addition, the 12-race card includes five divisions of the Grassroots Ontario Sire Stakes. Let's take a look at the Legends Trot and also a couple of spot plays in the Sire Stakes races.

The Legends Trot truly is a wide-open event featuring horses coming in from multiple tracks. The race probably goes through (5) NEBRASKA JACK, a sharp horse sent out by a 36% win rate barn for a driver that is still in his prime. That said, I don't expect to get any value here and the 6-year-old hardly jumps off the page as a can't miss

I'm giving my narrow vote of confidence to

(1) AZUCAR with Doug Brown at the controls. He should be able to push away from the pylons on this half-mile oval and control the race or secure a pocket trip. Others to consider for the exotics or the top spot include (4) A J CASH, who seemingly has awful form but has been tackling some tough foes over at Woodbine Mohawk Park. (3) DOMINUM DEO is also interesting with David Miller. He's a sharp horse with an inside post and I wouldn't be shocked if he left hard off the gate in this spot.

Legends Trot (Race 10) Plays: Trifecta 1 / 3,4,5 / 2,3,4,5,6 Trifecta 3,4 / 1 / 2,3,4,5,6

Moving on to the Ontario Sire Stakes, in the third race second division there seems to be

an opportunity to play the chalk and build your bankroll for later races. (3) ESA and (6) GOLD EDITION look to be standouts. The former should go right to the front and control the action while the latter seems to be coming to form for trainer Blair Burgess.

Race 2 Play: Exacta Box 3/6

In the eighth race fourth Sire Stakes split, (4) ROYAL ELITE is the obvious selection. After getting a few races under his belt at the top track in Ontario, he found his form two starts back and stepped up his game even further last week. With Jonathan Drury picking up the driver for the solid Shawn Steacy barn, all systems should be go.

Race 8 Play: 4 to win at anything over even money